

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 29, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS** 

WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT TELEMETRY SYSTEM PHASE 1B
PARCELS 152WA, 152WL, 152WL.1, 153WA, 153WL.1, 153WL.2, 154WA, 154WL,
155WA, 155WA.1, 155WL, 155WL.1, 156WA, 156WL, 156WL.1, AND 156WL.2
IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve the acquisition of easements from Southern California Edison Company to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for construction, operation, and maintenance of water pipelines and appurtenances, wells, and telemetry lines for the West Coast Basin Barrier Project Telemetry System Phase 1B in the City of El Segundo.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Approve the acquisition of perpetual easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of water pipelines and appurtenances, wells, and telemetry lines for West Coast Basin Barrier Project Telemetry System Phase 1B, Parcels 152WA, 152WL, 152WL.1, 153WA, 153WL, 153WL.1, 153WL.2, 154WA, 154WL, 155WA, 155WA.1, 155WL, 155WL.1, 156WA, 156WL.1, and 156WL.2, from Southern California Edison Company for \$321,870.

## PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board), acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control

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District (LACFCD), to acquire perpetual easements for water pipelines and appurtenances, wells, and telemetry lines for the West Coast Basin Barrier Project Telemetry System Phase 1B. The improvements are necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance of the West Coast Basin Barrier Project (WCBBP), which provides protection to the groundwater aquifers for the public benefit.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), which provides quality public works infrastructure and land development services to our communities and will enhance the quality of life for the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The proposed purchase price of \$321,870 for the easement rights in Parcels 152WA, 152WL, 152WL.1, 153WA, 153WL.1, 153WL.2, 154WA, 154WL, 155WA, 155WA.1, 155WL.1, 155WL.1, 156WA, 156WL.1, and 156WL.2, is representative of the fair market value and was accepted by the property owner, Southern California Edison Company. Funding for the acquisition is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The WCBBP consists of a water supply distribution system, valves and appurtenances, injection wells that inject water into the underground aquifer to prevent seawater from contaminating a source for potable water supply, and a network of observation wells for monitoring groundwater quality and levels, a major source of municipal water supply for the South Bay area of the County of Los Angeles. The WCBBP has been in operation since 1953. Installation of the telemetry system includes two 2.5-inch conduit lines and appurtenances that will run adjacent to the existing waterline.

The parcels are located west of Sepulveda Boulevard, between Walnut Avenue and Grand Avenue, in the City of El Segundo. Southern California Edison Company executed an Agreement to Convey and Claim for Payment form and signed the Easement document in favor of the LACFCD in the amount of \$321,870. Acquisitions in excess of \$75,000 must be approved by your Board.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On June 2, 2009, Item 41, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Implementation of the telemetry system will result in improvement to the LACFCD infrastructure.

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# **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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C: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
 Chief Executive Office
 County Counsel
 Executive Office